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Director Richard Leopold
Department of Natural Resources
Wallace State Office Building
Des Moines, IA 50319-0034

Director Leopold,

Residents and business owners of Delaware, Jones and Jackson counties and the Lake Delhi Homeowners Association suffered a catastrophic loss on July 24 when the Lake Delhi dam was breached. It is incumbent on the State of Iowa to understand what caused the failure of this 80 year old structure.

I hereby direct that you convene a technical expert panel immediately to accomplish three tasks:

- 1) Review the operation characteristics of the project leading to the breach of the dam.
- 2) Perform an evaluation of the breach to determine the specific failure mode.
- 3) Submit a final report to me no later than December 1, 2010, documenting the results of the panel's findings on the cause of the breach of the dam and the important lessons learned from the incident.

Panel members shall be recognized technical experts and shall perform an objective scientific study of the event.

Thank you for helping to expedite this task.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chester J. Culver".

Chester J. Culver
Governor of Iowa